

POP brings attention to police brutality with vigil

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Unmasked, Klan plans are kanned

By Gloria Dulan-Wilson

NEW YORK — More than 6,000 anti-klan protesters turned out Saturday, outmanning the paltry 16 klan members who showed up for a rally that fizzled when the Supreme Court handed down a decision against masked klan members.

The rally that "grand design" Klan leader James W. Shelly had threatened to have 400 or more members gathering to uphold "white power" was totally scuttled when they learned that their faces would be emblazoned throughout the print media without their masks. Realizing their true identity could be revealed, the true color of their members, who hide behind white hoods and masks, turned out to really be bright yellow.

The protesters, of virtually every nationality turned out to show their outrage and disdain for the racist cult that originated in the 19th century, perpetrating their reign of terror against blacks and Jews for over a century, primarily throughout the South.

That such a spectacle should raise itself in the streets of New York City at the dawning of the 21st century, was more than some could stand.

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Others agreed. A confederate flag with the stars and stripes on it, was snatched out of their hands and trampled by a group of protesters. With the crowd growing, and the Klan members, 16 Klan members were spirited off through a back entrance in City Hall. But the crowd continued chanting "down with the Klan, down with the police, down with Giuliani." A few Klan supporters attempted throughout the crowd, defended their right to speak and free assembly. One white woman who yelled loudly, "This is America. Free speech never hurt anyone," was threatened by two black women onlookers. Another onlooker, white, stated, probably one of the Klan members were Wall Street CEO's. "Heck, I wouldn't be surprised if Tom Hanks was there," a statement that drew laughter from the crowd. The Klan was dispersed around 3:00 p.m.



CITY NEWS

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'No Justice, No Sleep'

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

ORANGE — The one thing you can count on in life is change. And this is where the People's Organization For Progress (POP) comes in.

It's about changing the business as usual thinking of some who think it was OK for 27-year-old Earl Faison to die for no apparent reason — mistaken identity in the murder of Orange police officer Joyce Carnegie — not good enough. It's about changing the way officers of the law and the jury are out to lunch when it comes to due process — dismissing the lives of black people. "NO JUSTICE, NO SLEEP!"

POP staged an all night vigil

on October 22, in Orange in observance of The National Day Against Police Brutality and to keep the spotlight on the ruthless murder of Faison on April 11, allegedly by Orange police officers.

It has surfaced that an Orange police officer recanted his original statement, and gave new testimony describing how officers, robbed, beat, and pepper sprayed Faison, while he layed moments before he died.

In light of Faison's death, Orange Police Director John Conte announced his retirement on October 20. The grand jury has yet to render a verdict in the case.

And until it does, Larry Hamm, chairman of POP will

continue to spearhead a coalition of organizations to fight a relentless battle against police brutality.

"We're trying to prepare for whatever the verdict the grand jury is going to render," said

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Protestors organized by People's Organization for Progress gain momentum as they make their way to Orange police headquarters for the overnight vigil.

Photo by William Frazier

Orange. "We're contemplating various decisions and action according to the verdict."

The Black Ministers Council of New Jersey stands alongside POP in its efforts to receive justice.

Rev. Reginald Jackson, POP issued a statement on the matter a few days prior to the vigil.

The Black Ministers Council of New Jersey calls and demands that a thorough investigation of the tragic death of Earl Faison, while in the custody of the Orange Police Department be conducted and full disclosure

surely made. In short let the chips fall where they may. It is imperative that law enforcement be held to the same standard and accountability as all other citizens.

Nothing less is acceptable."

Meanwhile, POP marches on "NO JUSTICE NO SLEEP."

Approximately 100 people

banned together and marched to

the scene of the crime — Orange police headquarters — arriving approximately at 6:30 p.m. Once there, the decade old offensive

line of POP proved its unwavering strength. If the officers inside thought the cold rain would dampen the spirit of the marchers, they were soon fooled.

"It was very moving because they thought we were going to go away because it started to rain," said William Frazier.

He was one of the core of 25 people who stayed all night. "It was as if we were holding the police hostage in our own workplace. Friday night which is a busy night for police . . . there were no incidents that night where people were carjacked or mugged."

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

NEWARK — The Newark Museum hosts an exhibit of Twentieth Century Part II. 12 p.m. (973) 656-6550.

NEWARK — The WISE Women's Center at Newark College is sponsoring a workshop to help women to make career choices and find, get, and keep jobs. 9:30 a.m. (973) 877-3527.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Historical Society hosts a discussion with candy maker and businessman Jonathon Dambrot. 12:15 p.m. (973) 596-6550.

NEWARK — The top restaurants in the Newark area come out to show off their staff at the Newark Chamber of Commerce's Annual "A Taste Of Newark" at the Gateway Newark Hilton. 6 p.m. (973) 642-5343.

HAMPTON — The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse presents a traditional musical "Playhouse Christmas Musical 1999." Call (609) 875-9007 for information.

NUTLEY — The Essex County Clerks Office hosts a outreach meeting at the Nutley Parks & Recreation Center. 8:30 a.m. (973) 821-4821.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

NBW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a free public seminar dealing with special education at the New Jersey Law Center. 7 p.m. (732) 937-7516.

MONTCLAIR — The Essex County Clerks Office hosts a outreach meeting at the Montclair Municipal Building. 8:30 a.m. (973) 621-4921.

NEW YORK — Conjunction Arts, Inc. hosts a discussion on the effects and visuals of police violence at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine. 1:30 p.m. (718) 875-0373.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

NEWARK — The New Jersey Historical Society hosts a discussion and exhibit on the music playing devices of yesterday and today. 1 p.m. (973) 596-8500.

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) offers a course in CPR-First Aid Certification. 9 a.m. (201) 200-3089.

SCOTH PLAINS — The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools hosts its Eighth Annual Holiday Craft Fair at the Raritan Plaza Campus. 9:30 a.m. (908) 869-0174.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) presents soprano

singer Janette Goleme and pianist Justine Oshetsky-Schnur at the school's Ingalls Recital Hall. 3 p.m. (201) 200-3161.

PARAMUS — The Department of Human Services Division of Veterans Affairs and the Purple Heart Foundation of the Purple Hearts Memorial Foundation. Call (201) 461-1776 for information.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) hosts its monthly lecture on art and political topics with writer Andrew Safford at the school's Heppen Hall. 3 p.m. (201) 200-3426.

MORRISTOWN — The Delbarton Mothers' Guild hosts its annual fall dinner and fashion show at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany. 6 p.m. (973) 226-0209.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

CORANFORD — Union County College offers a course in effective communication in business. Call (973) 709-7501 for information.

BLOOMFIELD — Newark Councilman Cory Booker will take part in Bloomfield College's in remembrance the Nazi holocaust at the school's Robert V. Van Forsthoef Theater. 2:30 p.m. (973) 748-9000.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

NBW BRUNSWICK — New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a free seminar on small claims court at the New Jersey Law Center. 7 p.m. (973) 748-9000.

HACKENSACK — The Department of Human Services Division of Veterans Services honors all who served in the U.S. Military with the sisters. 11 a.m. (201) 461-1776.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

CORANFORD — Union County College hosts an exhibit on teenage culture entitled "Teen Angst, Love, Hate, and Other Things." 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (908) 729-7155.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

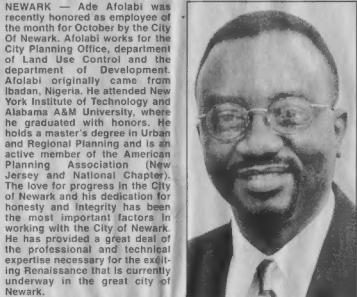
CORANFORD — The Theater Project of Union County hosts a Cabaret at the school's Commons building. 8 p.m. (908) 659-8199.

First Union offers a grant for affordable homes



TRENTON — First Union Regional Foundation's board of directors recently awarded a \$40,000 grant to the Affordable Housing Network of New Jersey to develop viable, resident-driven community renovation projects in several low-income neighborhoods throughout the state. Pictured here are (l-r): Bob Reid, president of First Union-Atlantic; Dennis Brunn, Affordable Housing Network of NJ; Steve Mack, Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County board member and Barbara Aaronoff, Executive Director of Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County.

Afolabi is "Employee of the Month" for October



NEWARK — Ade Afolabi was recently honored as employee of the month for October by the City of Newark. Afolabi works for the City Planning Office, department of Land Use Control and the department of Economic Development. Afolabi originally came from Abadan, Nigeria. He attended New York Institute of Technology and Alabama A&M University, where he graduated with honors. He holds a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning and is an active member of the American Planning Association (New Jersey and National Chapter). The love for progress in the City of Newark and his dedication for making Newark a better place are the most important factors in working with the City of Newark. He has provided a great deal of the planning and technical expertise necessary for the exciting Renaissance that is currently underway in the great city of Newark.

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Newark opens community development center



NEWARK — During the recent Grand Opening of the Newark Enterprise Community Resource Development Center (NECRDC) at the United Way of Essex and West Hudson counties in Newark, Mayor Sharpe James (far right) is joined by (l-r) International Youth Organization, Inc. (IYO) founder and president, James Michael County manager, Newark City Councilman, Newark Business Administration JoAnne Watson and Maria Vizcarra. De Soto, president and CEO of the United Way of Essex and West Hudson Counties. The NECRDC Initiative was developed by the Enterprise Community Social Services, Inc. For the request of neighborhood organization and residents to assist in the development of funds and resources to meet the social, civic, and job training needs of Newark's Enterprise Community residents.



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NATIONAL BRIEF

BLACK AND HISPANIC LEADERS DENOUNCE MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS PLAN

(NNPA) — A group of prominent Hispanic and Black leaders have joined forces to denounce a proposal by the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) to loosen rules defining minority-owned businesses by lowering the 51 percent ownership threshold as necessary for an enterprise to qualify as a minority-owned firm. The growth initiative for Minority Business was approved by the NMSDC executive committee. The goal of the plan is to provide growth opportunities for minority businesses, but Black and Hispanic leaders strongly feel it has the potential of becoming a de facto national policy which could change the distinction between truly minority-owned companies and minority-managed companies, something opposed to the plan. The Honorable Alonzo Campbell, Mayor of Atlanta; Congressman James Clyburn, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus; John J. Oliver, Jr., president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association; Hugh Price, president and CEO of the National Urban League; Kwesi Mfume, president and CEO of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

BORDER BETWEEN SIERRA LEONE AND LIBERIA RE-OPENED

FREETOWN (IPS) — After 10 months of closure, the common border between Sierra Leone and Liberia, which had served as a major conduit for instability in the sub-region, has been reopened. The ceremony took place earlier this month, following presentations made by government officials, diplomats and United Nations officials, and the signing of a peace deal on July 7 between the Sierra Leonean government and rebel forces. Today Sankoh of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) and Major General Amadou Kourouma, Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) called for the re-opening during a meeting with President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah. Both rebel leaders argued that the re-opening of the border was necessary in the spirit of peace and economic regeneration. While some citizens are leery of the move, businesspeople have welcomed it, saying the way is now open for commerce to flourish.

BENIN TO RESUME OIL PRODUCTION

COTONOU (IPS) — The West African state of Benin has just concluded a joint contract to resume oil production after nearly a two-year absence. The \$44.5 million contract was signed with the multi-national Total Oil Company, based in Côte d'Ivoire. It is estimated that approximately 22 million barrels worth of oil remain hidden underground in Seme, a region in southwest Benin. The Seme installation, Benin's sole oil field, was shut down in December 1998 after 16 years of unprofitable operations. While officials in Benin were looking for funds to dismantle the dilapidated Seme fields and to rehabilitate the environment, Total maintained its interest in the remaining oil deposits. The 25-year contract, signed with Zetah, seems to be a last-ditch effort to salvage Benin's offshore oil operation. Zetah, with oil interests in Republic of Congo and Gabon, will provide the \$44.5 million necessary to rehabilitate the Seme installation.

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Radio jock's campaign aimed at CompUSA ends on promising note

CEO pledges to do more minority advertising

By LaWanda Spears
NNPA Senior Editor



Disc Jockey Tom "The Fly Jock" Joyner gets it on with CompUSA

(NNPA) — The Tom Joyner Morning Show, a nationally syndicated radio show, recently reached an agreement with CompUSA CEO/President James "Jim" Halpin to end the national campaign against the computer company for alleged discriminating advertising practices. Halpin recently appeared on the show to publicly assure that CompUSA would be more responsible to its Black and Hispanic customers by hiring advertising firms from both communities to make sure minority media is thoroughly utilized. He also pledged 10 percent off to everyone who mailed in receipts to the Dallas headquarters at the show's urging. CompUSA came under fire two months ago when the show's twice-weekly commentator, Tavis Smiley, questioned the company's use of minority media and the racial composition of its board of directors, sparking a national protest.

The protest started when a fax was sent to the Joyner show

calling for analysis on the show since 1996. Together they have held several on-air protests and campaigns against advertising agencies who neglect minority markets.

The Joyner Show, which is aired in over 90 cities with an estimated five million listeners, is also responsible for fund-raising for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. While the CompUSA controversy has ended on a promising note, the recognition of race and ethnicity in advertising has attracted the attention of Capitol Hill. In her "Minorities in Advertising Issue Summary" for the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Kilpatrick stated that while the spending power of African-American, Hispanic and Asian consumers in the U.S. approaches \$1 trillion... less than \$1 billion in advertising dollars — less than one percent of the total ad spending in excess of \$160 billion — is being spent to directly address the ethnic markets that account for almost 30 percent of our population."

Who is fighting who in Burundi?

By Chris Simpson

BUJUMBURA (IPS) — As news broke in Bujumbura of the attack on the UN delegation at Rutana and the killing of two relief officials, the government denounced the killers in Rutana as "genocidal terrorists." There are no clear leads on which Burundian rebel organization may have been responsible for the incident. Both the government and the UN are conducting their own inquiries but with little hope of finding hard evidence. One of the main rebel movements, the Forces for the Defense of Democracy (FDD), has already accused the government of setting up the Rutana killings.

While Rutana lies in the south-east of Burundi, most of the violence of the past few months has been focused on the western province of Bujumbura Rurale. From June onwards, there has been a steady escalation of ambushes and attacks. The Burundian government is adamant that much of the new rebel activity is being coordinated by Rwandan nationals, with

militia fighters from the Interahamwe and soldiers from the former Rwandan Armed Forces (ex-FAR) arriving from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). According to government military spokesman, a long-standing informal alliance between the Interahamwe and their Burundian counterparts, is now being strengthened as both groups face being marginalized or marginalized into the DRC.

The FDD and Interahamwe-ex-FAR are both defined as "negative forces" under the Lusaka agreement brokered by Zambian President Frederick Chiluba, with the UN mandated to supervise their disarmament and surrender.

The rebels' military campaign inside Burundi has been complemented by a baffling series of spats and personality attacks outside the country, with endless rumors of new, sometimes implausible alliances being forged and broken. Clash-es in the past between Palipehuto and FDD fighters in the northwestern region of Cibitoke are reported to have cost hundreds of lives.

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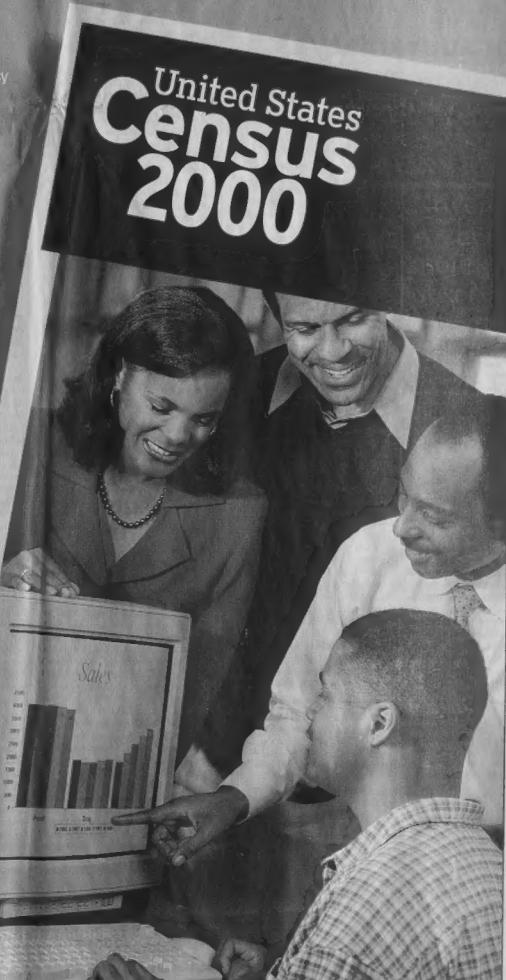
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EDITORIAL

Oh happy day!

Knowing you made a difference in one somebody's life is a rewarding experience. This might sound crazy but it's better than money. Recently, I had the pleasure to interact with women many of whom were mothers locked up in prison. It truly will go down as one of the best days in my life. The low lives, the touchables, the outcasts of society...I'm sure we've all thought at some point in time this way about those detained behind bars. But the remarkable thing I discovered — they're people too, with feelings, emotions and high expectations. It's at some point in their life that many of us have asked, "Haven't we all made bad decisions?" Maybe not ones that led us to prison, but nevertheless, mistakes. And yes, maybe some of these women deserve to be where they are, but should they be treated with total disregard. True, if I were one of their victims I would feel this way? Maybe not. But forgiveness goes a long way. And when we forget the very nature of what it means to be human, to show compassion people can have a way of going away. Who would have thought that "it's with great regret" one had to say, "she was right." Just because these women are people whom have wronged themselves while some have victimized others, should we not embrace, nurture, care and extend openly of ourselves — do something to make them feel human again!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Recently there has been a lot of talk about what is going on in the Elizabeth School District. On September 11, 1999 the Elizabeth Board of Education held a regular scheduled meeting in the midst of one of the worst weather conditions to hit this state in years. In light of the governor's declaring a state of emergency and closing all schools, the Elizabeth Board of Education totally disregarded the weather conditions. When the meeting was held under such terrible conditions the Superintendent explained that there were several personnel appointments that had to be made and could not be delayed. However, when one perused through the agenda and the different resolutions to be voted on, you would be surprised to find that none of the appointments on the agenda were retroactive to July-August 1999.

Over the years, the Board and the Superintendent have become increasingly insensitive and unresponsive to the public input at Board meetings. Like most Eliz-

abethans, I too was very dismayed with the speed at which the Elizabeth High School Principal was appointed. This led me to try and identify why the process was so fast and why the Board of Education was fortunate to receive copies of all 13 applicants' resumes and reviewed them. To my surprise the individual selected did not have a doctoral degree or pursue doctoral course, had not principal or vice principal experience and no direct experience in school administration. Admittedly, I am not an education expert, but the best there is, but there were a few very strong candidates whose qualifications and experience clearly exceed the candidate selected in every area except his years of experience in the district. As a society we preferential treatment, but it is based upon one race at the expense of another to embrace it when it is based on one political affiliation or connection.

Sincerely,

Tony Lewars, President, Elizabeth Branch NAACP

White supremacy is destroying Tennessee State University

(NPPA) — For some people, quality in higher education means White control by occupying all or most key positions at all colleges and universities. These positions include college or university president, vice president for academic affairs, deans of academic units, heads/heads of academic units, and faculty.

The fact that Whites occupy most of these positions is consistent with the position of White superiority and Black inferiority. It is also true that 99 percent of these positions at Tennessee colleges and universities are held by Whites, a fact that is acceptable merely because it is consistent with the notion of White superiority.

But if one of these universities is predominantly African-American, with only 51 African-American percent of these positions being held by African-Americans, this is not acceptable, and the judge (Wise-man) initiates all types of directives to make the university predominantly White in order to achieve "quality." A predominantly African-American University is not "quality" because of its racial make up.

However, these universities are a visible and pose a direct challenge to the notion of White superiority. If White students attend them, these White students will acquire experiences that will demonstrate that African Americans are not racially inferior to Whites. The positive experiences of White students may kill the notion

of White superiority.

Therefore, the leaders of White superiority in Tennessee will do anything to eliminate or curb the presence of African-Americans at Tennessee State University. The large majority of these positions are held at currently, it appears that the newspaper, other media and White leaders are urging Whites to go anywhere, but Tennessee State University. Their code word, stated directly or indirectly, is quality education. Black and White clerics must change the atmosphere of the university by key leaders by demonstrating that it is morally wrong, unjust, and promotes white supremacy to change the racial make up of T.S.U. just because it is predominantly African-American.

Tennessee State University will be governed in terms of its history, black students will be the ones that it could play in terms of reducing racism in Middle Tennessee and Tennessee in general, while providing quality education to all citizens. Furthermore, White and Black students graduating from T.S.U. will know how to positively interact with each other in the business community coming into the state.

If Nashville and Middle Tennessee become known as the non-violent white supremacy capital of America, this will make it hard to recruit business, national conventions, and conferences. If there is hope for America, white people must stop practicing White superiority in education and economics. NPPA provided this column

Why kill Mumia?

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge was as good as his word. He repeatedly said that the moment that Mumia Abu-Jamal exhausted his last legal appeal, he would set an execution date. When the Supreme Court recently turned down Mumia's appeal, Ridge set Dec. 2 as the date for Mumia's execution.

It is a moment that almost certainly touch off a national furor. And, it should touch off a national debate over the death penalty. But, it probably won't for two reasons that present towering obstacles for Mumia and death penalty opponents. One is publicly stated: the fear of crime. The media and politicians are to blame for this one.

From the late 1980's on, the media has gotten involved on mega-deaths and death row stories. Politicians have exploited crime as a perennial crowd pleaser and vote getter. Even though the murder rate in America is at record low (Americans were more likely to be murdered during the Great Depression of the 1930's), a scared public still demands the speedy dispatch of violent criminals. When recent crime figures were released that showed that the number of persons executed in the late 1980's was greater than the death penalty was privately whispered to plummets, President Clinton still urged Americans to be "cautious." Some argue that crime rates have dropped because of the death penalty and tougher crime measures.

Yet, the downward trend in murder and major crime happened before the big escalation in the number of persons executed in the late 1980's. The reason for the death penalty remains as privately whispered to plummets. More than 45 percent of those currently sitting on the nation's death rows are Black or Latino. They are almost always the poorest of the poor, and the least likely to have the resources to get top-flight legal representation. Mumia is a near

tearbook example of this. He is Black, and before he was drawn national and international attention, he did not have the financial resources to bankroll a costly legal defense to win an acquittal or to overturn his conviction. Also, in the public's legal rush to condemn, many of those executed have been either mentally incompetent, juvenile delinquents or the innocent.

According to a Congressional subcommittee report, 45 innocent persons have been executed during the past two decades. This may be a gross underestimate. In Illinois, alone, 10

This monumental flaw in the administration of the death penalty prompted the American Bar Association to call for a complete moratorium on executions.

death row inmates have been freed because of doubts about their guilt since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977.

The death penalty is a capital and legal apparatus against the death penalty mainly because of the decays of the public mainly because of the perpetuation of two myths: (1) The death penalty is a deterrent, and (2) it's cost effective.

The death penalty doesn't deter crime. Eighteen of the twenty states with the highest murder rates are death penalty states. That includes California and Texas which have the highest rates of capital punishment.

There are 20 major cities with the highest murder rates in death penalty states. The murder rates in Michigan and Indiana are nearly identical even though Indiana has the death

penalty and Michigan doesn't.

Despite falling murder rates, there are 20 more condemned inmates than there are 600 death penalty inmates. Yet, only one of 600 murderers receives the death penalty. If they are poor, minority, and live in the South and their victim is White and middle-class, they almost certainly will be a prime candidate for execution. "The death penalty is not cost effective. Taxpayers pay dearly for special DA units to prosecute death penalty cases. It costs more to jury selection, special motions, second panel, lengthy investigations, and a battery of witnesses.

The time and costs pile up even higher in capital cases because prosecutors and judges try to be legally correct and avoid reversal (many are anyway) and the states allocate paltry sums for legal representation for the indigent. It costs three times more to execute a prisoner than to lock him up for life. Florida spends \$3 billion a year on death row inmates, and Texas over \$2 million. The estimate is that California would save nearly \$100 million annually by re-sentencing its nearly 600 death row inmates to life imprisonment, and making them the family of the victims of their earnings from their prison labor. Worse, the death penalty wastes time, fans public hysteria and squanders scarce resources that should be used for more effective crime prevention, education, job and skills training programs. These are far more cost-effective and humane deterrents to protecting lives than locking them in an execution chambers each month.

If Governor Ridge has his way, one of those will be Mumia.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson is a nationally syndicated columnist and the director of the National Alliance for Positive Action.

Youth and Depression

By Gerda Williams, MSN ARNP

Youthful years are supposed to be a time of carefree living. However, many youth find themselves dealing with depression. Jack of all trades, lack of self-esteem, use drugs and alcohol in attempts to cope, and even contemplate or attempt suicide. Although there are many mental health issues relative to the teen years, depression alone is serious, and is more common among adolescents than previously.

It is well known that teens with depressive illness who do not receive help often turn to suicide as the only way out. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among those 15-24 years old. Every day in the U.S. nearly two thousand adolescents attempt suicide. Approximately 10 percent succeed.

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This group of silent sufferers are the victims of the public's misconception and unhealthy attitudes toward mental health in general, and an almost complete failure to recognize mental health issues in children and adolescents and the resulting sadness in youth in the belief that depression does not affect the teen sector, and that teens have nothing to be saddened or worried about.

It is important to recognize that depression is an illness, not a personal weakness or imperfection.

Depression must be diagnosed and treated. Adolescents with depressive illness feel sad and sullen and often view their situation as hopeless.

This sadness is not usually relieved by interaction with family members or friends, extra privileges or receiving money. These are well known to be events that can be seen in an effort to uplift futility — trying to make the depressed loved one happy.

This is not to say that there is not normal sadness among adolescents however, there is a clear difference.

Adults who have daily contact with adolescents, must listen. Listen. Listen. Listen. Special attention should be made to the following concern and to validate the teenager's feelings and problems without patronizing. Adults should convey caring and understanding to teenagers without minimizing or trivializing their problems. In communication with a teen, adults must stay focused on the problem at hand, and should not rush to take away their pain with promises of future success in school, work or interpersonal relationships.

Remember that adults don't need to have all the answers.

It is important to recognize when professional help is needed. Attempts to seek help should first be discussed with the teenager.

It is vital for a teen to be as comfortable as possible with a mental health provider in order to achieve the best progress.

Loss of a parenting figure by death, divorce or separation. Loss of important peer relationships, (i.e., breakup with a boyfriend/girlfriend) Family violence/discord/abuse. Physical or sexual abuse. Academic or physical ature at school. Alcohol/drug abuse. (i.e., alcoholism or a family of a mother who abuses alcohol)

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RELIGION CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

NEWARK — Bethany Baptist Church hosts a kick-off prayer service, 7:30 p.m. (973) 623-6161.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

NEWARK — Bethany Baptist Church hosts youth leadership service, 6 p.m. (973) 623-6161.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

NEWARK — Bethany Baptist Church hosts a special "First Saturday Prayer Service" featuring the Royal Travelers, 6 p.m. (973) 623-6161.

BELLEVILLE — Christ Episcopal Church hosts a rummage sale, Call (973) 751-0616 for information.

POSITIVELY BLACK

Who are you?

By Junius Ricardo Stanton

"Who am I? The answer depends in large part on who the world around says I am. Who do my parents say I am? What do my peers say I am? What messages are reflected back to me in the faces and voices of my teachers, my neighbors, store clerks? What do I learn from the stories about myself? How am I represented in the cultural images around me? Or am I missing from the picture altogether?" From "Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together In The Cafeteria?" by Beverly Daniel Tatum Ph.D.

One's sense of identity is crucial in determining how well one navigates the social environment he or she finds himself/herself in. One's identity encompasses many things. It is not static or one-dimensional.

It is an ongoing process of new discovery, formation, redefinition, and refinement of old concepts. A person sees himself or herself through either his or her own eyes but through the reflection of the cultural environment. The construction of self-identity is an effort everyone can say in the mother's womb. The baby is nourished or damaged by not only what food or drink the mother digests, but also by her thoughts, feelings and emotional environment. Once the baby is born, he or she begins to feel emotional vibrations and stimuli from the immediate environment.

Your self-image and identity has been shaped by the environment you by the environment you are exposed to and actions of others.

While each of us is a autonomous being with powers of cognizance, thought, imagination, emotion and locomotion, we are susceptible to the influences of our immediate surroundings. What did you surroundings say about you as a child? Were they affluent, comfortable, shabby or impoverished? What sense of yourself did you receive from your parents, family, friends, peers, the outside world or the media? Did your parents convey to you that you were loved, lovable and lovely? When your parents spoke to you was it in an endearing tone or was it harsh and dismissive?

More importantly, we must learn to think and empower ourselves with affirming and enabling terms and images. We must demonstrate unselfishness, trust, sensitivity, compassion and empowerment. We must teach the importance of introspection, self-definition and improvement. And, we must create an environment and community that encourages uniqueness, self-respect, success and positive contributions to one's own ethnic community.

Newark church celebrates 150 years of service to the community

NEWARK — The House of Prayer, one of the most historic Episcopal parishes in northern New Jersey, will celebrate its 150th anniversary this month.

The Rev. Mildred J. Solomon, rector, announced that a festival Eucharist service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13, at noon in the old church, located on Broad and State streets. Bishop Conductor John Cromberger, who becomes head of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark next February, will preside at the service. It will be followed by a reception at Cathedral House, 44 Rector St. 1.

"We hope many will join us in celebrating 150 years of Christian witness in the city," declared the rector.

The House of Prayer is the 15th oldest of the 127 congregations within the Diocese of Newark, which covers the northern half of the state. During its long history the parish has been a pioneer in service, music, community service, social actions and even technology.

The parish was organized in the 18th century to serve residents of the northern sections of Newark. The first service, on Nov. 7, 1849, was held in a Plume house, an early 18th century dwelling that later became the home of most of the church's rectors.

The third Episcopal parish in Newark, the House of Prayer was founded in 1849. Four days later construction began on the present church, next to the house. Designed to resemble an English country church, the House of Prayer was completed in just a year, at a cost of \$10,000 on Nov. 12, 1850. Since then it has undergone few exterior alterations.

Both the church and the rectory are on the National and New



Rev. Mildred Solomon is the pastor at The House of Prayer Episcopal Church. She is the first African American to lead a congregation within the Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

Jersey Register of Historic Places. The house was designed in Gothic Revival, a leader in the Gothic Revival movement in this country in the 19th century. The rather plain interior features an elaborate carved altar and mosaic screen from the 1950s, and a century-old pipe organ.

The Plume house was built by a wealthy family on the outskirts of the village of Newark in the early

developed flexible photographic film - a step that made motion pictures possible. George, rector for 20 years, was known to make lantern slides that couldn't be broken by Sunday school children.

In an attic laboratory, he developed a method of putting photographic images on celluloid four times faster than Edison's in 1900; his patent for this film was upheld in a prolonged legal battle with Eastman Kodak Co.

The tradition of services continued through the 20th century, as the Rev. Dr. Preston Hayes, rector for 20 years, and his wife, Seed Child Development, a day care facility serving 45 pre-schoolers.

The style of worship and music has evolved greatly as the congregation has changed.

In the 19th century the House of Prayer was in the front of the Anglo-Catholic or "High Church" movement, and was one of the first New Jersey parishes to build, measure, candle and vestments. In recent years services have become more casual and spontaneous. Every Sunday most members of the congregation join hands in a circle and offer individual and group prayers.

The parish is one of only three Episcopal congregations in the United States called House of Prayer. The name is derived from a book of the same name, in which God promises to give signs "in thy house of prayer."

The scriptural prophecy concludes, "My temple will be called a house of prayer for all people of all nations." Part of the statement is carved on the Board Street wall of the 150-year old church.

Sacred connections: A new chapel for Bethany Baptist

NEWARK — On Tuesday, November 9, 1999 there will be a Candlelight Dedication ceremony for the Rev. Dr. William Preston Hayes Memorial Chapel that about the newly expanded Bethany Baptist Church located at 275 Washington Street in Newark, New Jersey. This program will include the permanent installation and unveiling of a sacred art form known as the TRIPYCH by the late artist, Don Miller. Mrs. Judy Miller his widow and co-founder of the church will give a reflection of this special work and its significance at Bethany.

Rev. Hayes, a national leader and influential advocate for racial equality, was a member of Bethany Baptist from 1932-1961. His community leadership was heralded in political and social welfare sectors. He was a champion of the poor and served many members of the congregation during the Great Depression.

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Rev. Hayes was a preacher with great skill and depth and he was an advocate for economic development and racial equality. But firmly he pressed the cause for greater opportunities in employment for the African Americans both in the public and private sectors. During his twenty years of distinguished ministry he was ordained: Reverends Norman Oliphant, Charles C. Walker and Henry C. Gregory, III.

Rev. Hayes retired from Bethany Baptist Church as pastor in 1961 and died in 1963 at the age of 82.

Archbishop Tutu cancer not spread

ATLANTA (AP) — Cancer detected in South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu has not spread beyond his prostate, doctors told the Nobel Prize winner on last week. A tissue sample from Tutu's lymph nodes was taken out to determine if the cancer had spread. The cancer did not spread, according to the surgeon who performed the procedure. The surgeon, who uses liquid nitrogen to freeze the cancer, should be effective in treating Tutu's prostate gland.

Orthopedic surgeon Harry Clarke of Emory University Hospital delivered the news to Tutu while Tutu rested at his Atlanta home. Clarke hopes to perform the surgery within the next few weeks, Tutu spokesman John Allen said.

"This is great news for his family," Allen said. "They were obviously very worried at the possibility that the cancer may have spread."

Tutu was first diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1997 and was treated for it. He learned earlier this month that the cancer had returned. Tutu is now a theology professor at Emory.

Local artists help abused women

Spice Design group cordially invites you to its first annual pre-benefit fundraiser "Rebuilding the Steps of our Sisters." This domestic violence awareness program will be held on Friday November 5, at North Stetson A.M.E. Church in Piscataway from 6-10 p.m.

The event will serve as a springboard for Spice Design to aid in helping women set on their feet. The funds raised will be donated to the program. Local artists at an upcoming fundraiser will donate their work to be auctioned off in an effort to continue to raise money for the program housed at the Eliashew YWCA.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Rev. Iola E. Davis.

Special Feature

The Black Church: Who's running things?

By Richard M. Cooper

"To the white church: Much of the violence we are reaping in our cities today was sown during the era when the Blacks were excluded from understanding racism and its effects upon society, therefore, we must step back into the days when slavery was an American way of life... slavery was to our forefathers, racism is to us behind us," wrote Avery J. Brooks, King James Version, Original African Heritage Edition, p.85.

The historical role of the black church, as the first institution in the fight for social justice for African Americans, is profound. This multi-denominational, and intergenerational human rights movement is possibly the most important. Our African ancestors were often forced to accept a corrupted form of Christianity under the guise of a "religious conversion" for their salvation.

What they were divinely inspired to do was to create a strategy of liberation for themselves and a socially constructed philosophy for the eradication of the racist Hell that they experienced on earth. African Americans fight like Hell. African Americans and Sojourner Truth utilized emancipatory hermeneutics to translate their understandings of the Bible into

their battle against white domination. Their use of the book of Exodus Chapter 19 in the Bible is a powerful example of this fact.

The contributions of black women have often been belittled, marginalized in the black church's fight against oppression. Numerous black church today espouse a patriarchal biblical interpretation that black women can only be the possessions of their church or pastor. Many deacons boards have less power than their male counterparts. In every instance, black women make up the overwhelming majority in these congregations. But more importantly, they are the financial, spiritual, and true work forces of the church. They are often the most devoted members of the church when one chooses to define "devoted." Also by and large, it is the Sisters whom mand church attendance of their small children, teenagers, husbands, and wives. They are the pulpits of many churches. When the pulpit needs to be vacated, when the wooden podium and railings need to be dusted and when the male pastor's glass needs to be polished, the Sisters are more importantly entrusted into this hallowed ground which typically is reserved for black men. Black men would never tolerate this over level of bigotry from black women anywhere else.

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our religious history and the roles which black women really do play in the world, I will not join or rejoin any church which systematically mistreats women. Many churches have made significant strides in achieving this honestly described and fully required equity. The church must also make every effort to understand its young people, their Hip Hop cultures and their different lives.

We must teach them not only by praying for them, but also by talking with them and teaching them how to pray and what to pray for. Young people know corruption when they see it. They know when a black church must not allow them to be heard by corrupt politicians or lead by corrupt leaders. Black churches should reestablish their leadership role in social justice issues through taking a national position against the death penalty.

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To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. There will be others who are better or worse than they are.

To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.

To learn that they should control their attitudes. Otherwise their attitudes will control them.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in

persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

To learn that there are persons who love them dearly, but who simply do not know how to show their feelings.

To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

To learn that while at times they may be entitled to be upset, that does not give them the right to upset these around them.

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Prayer Corner

An interview with God.

A new journalist decided to strike a high note.

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He answered: "They get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again."

He asked: "What they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to

restore their health.

That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future.

That they live as if they will never die, and die as if they had never lived.

His hands took mine and we waited.

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Local Briefs

PSE&G issues slamming

alert

NEWARK — Public Service Electric and Gas Company, New Jersey's largest electric and gas utility, is receiving hundreds of calls from customers around the state who believe they may have been "slimmed" or deceived into signing agreements switching their electricity suppliers by calling a falsely representing PSE&G.

Many of the customers, who are non-English speaking and live in urban centers of the state, report being solicited door-to-door by persons claiming to be PSE&G employees to be affiliated with PSE&G. The imitators ask to see copies of the customers' utility bills and persuade them to sign for a five percent rebate without telling them that, by doing so, they are actually authorizing a switch to a different electricity supplier. Consumer advocates are also being held that PSE&G is going out of business and that if they do not choose a new electricity supplier, one will be chosen for them by a third party.

A PSE&G spokesman emphasized that while employees visit customers' homes to respond to emergencies, repair appliances or read meters, under no circumstances does its employees solicit customers door-to-door to discuss switching energy suppliers. In fact, PSE&G is prohibited by regulation from doing so.

Mayor Sara Bost will not be moved, even after shooting

IRVINGTON — Sara B. Bost is a woman of defiant character and will not be shaken, not even when someone riddled her home with nine bullets recently in a drive-by shooting. Bost, who is in her second term as the mayor of Irvington, said, the shooting made her more angry than scared. According to the Democratic elected official, she suspects that the person responsible for the attack, which left her home riddled, came from a young man she approached who was painting graffiti on a stop sign near her home. The youth when spoken to by the mayor spat at her feet. Bost vows keep the pressure on and to step up crime fighting by adding more police to the force, although crime is down 10 percent.

The famous featured at annual NAACP Freedom Fund dinner



Left, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, with book, sits at piano with former Essex County Counsel Franklin McQuade, left, and pianist/Newark Cultural Affairs Supervisor Gwen Moten at the Newark NAACP branch's annual Freedom Fund dinner. "When I Fall In Love" was the tune. At right, National Education Association Vice President Reg Weaver argues for stronger support of public school students — and against Republicans' "school voucher" proposals — during his keynote address. Listening are Newark NAACP President Daniel Williams and Nets General Manager Willis Reed.



Diversity the theme of Summit III

TRENTON — To continue its effort, Summit III—Diversity, being held on November 9, 1999, at the New Atlantic City Convention Center is expecting over 1200 participants. As participants were invited to two confounding sites throughout New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, providing viewership and participation to an additional 400 attendees.

The theme's focus on diversity this year has taken it to the African Country of Ghana. The purpose was two fold. First, to capture on videotape, for inclusion into a television documentary — the fifth annual "Summit III" — the African American Summit which was convened by the Honorable Rev. Leon Howard Sullivan and hosted by his Excellency Jerry

J. Rawlings, president of the Republic of Ghana. Secondly, to expand the participation in Summit III—Diversity, globally.

As we continue to experience rapid community and economic growth not only in New Jersey but across America and throughout the world, we are becoming more focused on Diversity as a means to Empowerment.

Summit Topics:

- Community, Housing & Economic Development: with workshops on System Built/Modular Construction, Homeless, Social Needs, Entrepreneurial Business Opportunities, Faith-Based Initiatives and your relationship with Energy and

Utility Companies

- Health: It will include workshops on AIDS Education, Immunization, Holistic Preventative Medical Practices and Organ and Tissue Donation.

- Civic Involvement: will include workshops on Education, Youth Participation and Consumer Awareness.

- Arts & Culture: will include workshops on Visual and Performing Arts Education and Appreciation.

- Special Interest Workshops: diversity practices in the Media and PBS's "Ready To Learn" Program.

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400 attended), held at the East Brunswick Hilton, in October 1997, and Summit II (714 attended), held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, September 1998, were designed as multicultural and ecumenical mass gatherings addressing the needs of all, including African American, Hispanic, Asian, Portuguese and Native American. Reach out to the Christian, Islamic, Hindu and Jewish neighborhoods and communities throughout New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

To register or for more information call 1-877-678-6000. To receive free bus transportation for those interested in attending. Telephone (973) 351-1548 for pick-up locations.



Jon Corzine with his campaign manager, Christy Davis, Esq. Ms. Davis is the first African-American woman to serve as campaign manager for a U.S. Senate candidate in New Jersey. Ms. Davis is a graduate of Rutgers Law School and served as State Director for Sen. Frank Lautenberg, as well as former Chief of Staff for the late Sen. Wynona Lipman.

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Bollwage trashes New York garbage plan

ELIZABETH — Mayor Chris Bollwage and the City Council have hired an environmental law firm to continue their efforts to stop New York City's plan to dump garbage in Elizabeth.

The law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick and Gluck will work to protect the city's rights and ensure the city is compensated.

In addition, Bollwage announced a plan for stepped-up enforcement measures and called on Gov. Christine Whitman to join in the city's fight.

"I would like that it very clear that I will work everything possible to stop this garbage from being dumped in Elizabeth," Bollwage said. The increased volume of truck traffic will have a tremendous negative impact on the roads and infrastructure, traffic control and air quality. That is why I am calling upon Governor Whitman and the State Legislature to join me in seeking an injunction against the plan."

Two weeks ago, New York City announced plans to ship 12,000 tons of garbage daily from Staten Island to transfer stations on Flora Street and South Front Street operated by Waste Management Inc.

While New York currently does not have a landfill in the Killie Landfill in Staten Island, that aging disposal facility is due to close on Dec. 31, 2001. New York officials plan to use the Elizabeth site as one of its collection points for future transport to landfills in other states. Bollwage, who was first informed of New York's plans in a phone call from a reporter for The New York Times, immediately launched a campaign against what he called "an arrogant invasion of Elizabeth's streets and neighborhoods."

"We are not putting all this planning, effort and resources into improving our environmental conditions only to sit back and allow another city to use us as their trash can," Bollwage said.

CityLife

The Rallying Point

City News B1

The Orange community gathers to march on The National Day Against Police Brutality in support of police brutality victim Earl Faison

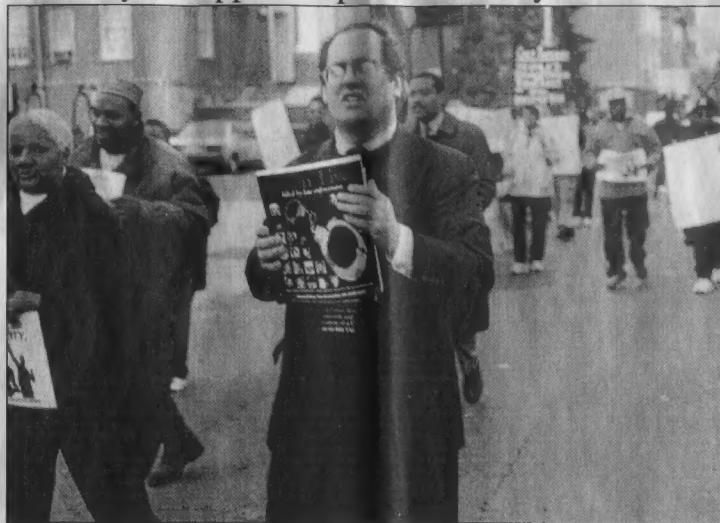
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Throughout the night various speakers were featured — Orange Councilman Donald Page addressed the crowd, and made a vow to Hamon that he would keep an eye on the investigation. Congressman Alcee Hastings spoke as did others. Aminia Maxine Davis, and Morris Thomas, the former president of the Orange branch of the NAACP. But it was the astounding voice of one Ras Baraka, son of Aminta and Amiri Baraka, who powerfully conveyed for the crowd the theme of the gathering. He pointed to the different aspects of the Faison case which have come to light and the prevalent racism that exists within the criminal justice system.

"Ras Baraka's presentation was one of the finest examples of agitational oratory that I've ever witnessed," said Hamm, whose organization's commitment to enact change is vigilant. There are plans to stage a demonstration on Max Amiri Baraka's birthday, December 4, and a major one will take place in Orange on January 15, Martin Luther King's birthday.

As that war on police brutality continues, PWP will remain steadfast in the forefront of bringing about a change — that's definite!



Left: A community activist holds a copy of the book, "Stolen Lives," the story of the victims who lives were cut short by police brutality. Over 2,000 cases are documented in the book.



Above: Larry Hamm (center) and the grandmother of Earl Faison (left) look on as Aminia Baraka (right), wife of Amiri Baraka, speaks to those at the night vigil.



Demonstrators raise their fists in protest of the issue and support of the cause during the night vigil at the Orange Police Department.



Ras Baraka follows his mother's lead and shares some words with the participants.

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Earl Faison's stepmother, Sagriff Williams, consults with Orange Councilman Donald Page and People's Organization for Progress chairman Larry Hamm during the rally.

A day of beauty goes a long way for the women inmates' self-esteem



Lisa Stevens before
her makeover...

"The girls were overwhelmed with pride. They wanted to share with the other inmates about what not to do so they could participate."

— Pamela Morris,
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and after her makeover.



Dwanna Williams sits back as Michael Reeves styles her hair during his visit with Tamika Riley at the Hudson County Correctional Center.

The ladies crowd around Tamika Riley to show off the results.

Beauty

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"Are we going to be on TV?" yelled out Lisa Stevens, a mother of three (Larry, 21, and a 3-year-old). Although Stevens didn't mind it to be the television screen, after a major transformation she certainly qualified for the "prettiest mommy" title to go along with a million dollar smile. Stevens, who is not a first time offender vowed

upon her November 24 release that she will not be returning.

And this can be said for the other beauty makeovers — Dwanne Williams, 29, who expressed feeling like a lady. For 28-year-old Jackie Riley, 29, who had been in prison since she was the first time she'd ever had her hair and makeup professionally done. Tria, Walston, 29, who is expecting and the mother of five is facing a 10-year sentence. Carmella Liket, 26, who Riley dubbed Sharon

Stoke after her blonde tresses were done with pride. They wanted to share with the other inmates about what not to do so they could participate," said Pamela Morris, supervisor of social services. The women's section (in the right wing) of the Hudson County Correctional Center houses 200 women inmates compared to the male population of 1,850.

The pilot program which kicked off last April was met by rave reviews from the inmates and favorably adopted by the administration of the facility.

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According to Morris, the women are selected because they have demonstrated good behavior and in other instances those who rarely

receive visitors get the opportunity to receive a beautiful uplift.

While welding her makeup brush, Riley engaged the remaining women in the audience in conversation asking them what they like to do to increase their self-esteem.

"I want to be a nurse," shouted one young lady from the rear.

"I've always wanted to open my own restaurant," said another.

"And what are you going to call it?" responded Riley.

"Niecey's soulfood restaurant," she said. Riley then snapped out for the future entrepreneur what she needed to do to get her business up and running. Meanwhile, Riley discovered a makeup artist among the inmates, Giselle Batis, 33, to be her guest makeup artist upon her next visit.

"Face 2 Face with Tamika Riley" proved to be everything she expected it to be — a day to make them smile plus a whole lot more.

"P.S. Don't forget to tell Oprah I said hi. and I'm still talking about you."

Sincerely,
Tamika Riley

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Local artists showcase Imaging Aging at museum

NEWARK — On view in the Newark Museum's Mutual Benefit Life Community Galleries until December 29 is an exhibition of works by five New Jersey artists that focuses on the often difficult theme of parental aging and caretaking.

The exhibition, guest curated by two distinguished artists Peppi Elona, whose studio is located in Clifton and Miriam Stern, who resides in Teaneck, is intended to raise awareness of the challenges faced by the elderly and to acknowledge the many different dimensions of and responses to the aging process.

Organized and co-sponsored by the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, *Imaging Aging*

particularly calls attention to the prevalence of this debilitating disease.

Also represented in the show are artists Penny Dell of Hightstown, Frieda Korn of Princeton and Susan Wilson of Morristown, who along with Elona and Stern, illustrate a wide diversity of experience with physical and emotional frailty. The artists use different visual means to express deep feelings of compassion, fear and love.

Painting, prints and sculptures tell the thought-provoking stories of aging from the perspective of parental aging and caretaking. In their visions, each artist symbolically reaches back to those who have preceded and extends forward to communicate with those who are still alive.

In sculptor Susan Wilson's installation, clay faces suspended from the ceiling look down at the viewer, while arms installed on the floor reach up. "My work is about making connections with people in my life and with parents, friends and mentors who are gone, obscured by the passing of years," states the artist. "These past presences are vague memories, yet they are very present in my art and in the way they have shaped my life."

Frances Heinrich finds inspiration in much-used objects from the past and present. More than the sum of their parts, her installations bridge infancy to old age with the materials standing in for the human dramas that took place. Says Heinrich, "Cyclical rhythms of life are all around us. Change is an inextricable part of life; impermanence, death and loss its inevitable consequences. My work is concerned with frailty and vulnerability, aging and regeneration. It investigates profound connections between human and natural worlds and explores the mysteries and dimensions of mind, body and soul."

Elona's elegiac oil paintings are tributes to her mother, whom she nursed through many years of mental and physical deterioration. "Acutely aware that I am not the only generation, I devise ways to transform my fears into long-lasting visual statements," says Elona. Universalizing the particular anchors her paintings in to the everyday, giving strength and emotion to her work and the exhibition.

An artist's reception for *Imaging Aging*: Visual Responses to Growing Older was held for the artists last month.

Admission is free at The Newark Museum, located at 49 Washington Street in downtown Newark. Museum hours are Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with evening hours on Thursdays until 8:30 p.m.

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Newark Museum hosts A taste of Newark

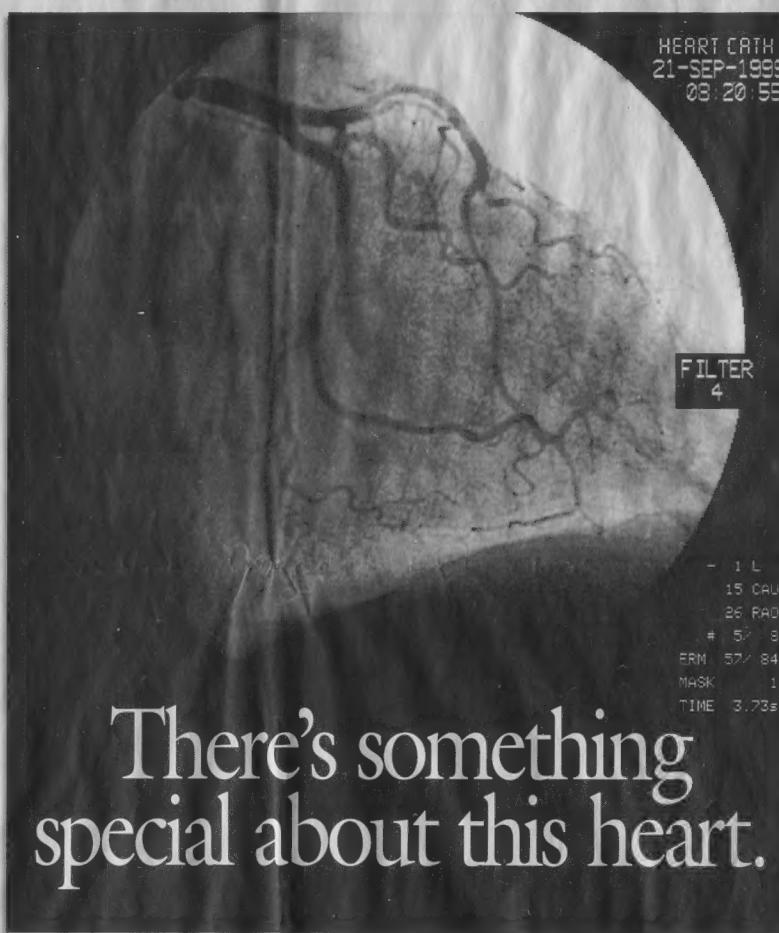
NEWARK — When Newark Museum President Arlene Lieberman got behind "A Taste of Newark," a culinary event to benefit the Link Community School, a local business quickly formed behind her, PNC Bank, Warner Lambert, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield,

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

NEWARK — The City of Newark Department of Health and Human Services offers free flu and pneumonia shots at St. Mary's Villa 10 a.m. (973) 733-7581

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NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for people who suffer from male impotence 7:30 p.m. (732) 937-8820

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NEWARK — The City of Newark Department of Health and Human Services offers free flu and pneumonia shots at Nellie Grier Senior Citizens Center 10 a.m. (973) 733-7581

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a class on infant care for adoptive parents 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course in for women who are candidates for vaginal delivery after having a Cesarean section 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530

NEWARK — The City of Newark Department of Health and Human Services offers free flu and pneumonia shots at Newark Community Manor 10 a.m. (973) 733-7581

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

WHIPPSY — Columbia Hospital in Newark will host the "Swing into 2000" gala and dinner party at the Birchwood Manor. The event will raise money for women's health services and pediatric program. Call (973) 288-1496 for more information

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital School of Nursing hosts an open house for new nurses 3:30 p.m. (201) 833-3186

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a class in grandparenting for new grandparents 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course for parents thinking about adoption. 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530

Sharing Network and local churches team up for 'Donor Sabbath' weekend

Helen Robbins tells how organ donation saved her life

SPRINGFIELD — Statistics have shown that African Americans have high blood pressure and kidney failure four times greater than Caucasians, as well as a greater need of dialysis and medical factors that lead to the need for kidney transplantation. Subsequently, African Americans make up 30 percent of the dialysis patients in the country and 33 percent of the transplant list.

On November 12-14, 1999, a number of houses of worship from the African American community and other minority communities, as well as the mainstream religious community, will take part in the National Donor Sabbath weekend to increase awareness of this issue. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Division on Minority Health, the observance draws attention to the great need of the 69,000 people nationwide and 1,700 in New Jersey who are awaiting life-saving transplants.

Most major faiths support organ and tissue donation. With greater awareness of the crisis in minority communities — leading to increased organ donation rates — more people could be saved each year.

At the age of 18, Helen Robbins of Paterson has always been an active person.

For years she worked long hours to help support her family and was very involved in her young daughter's lives. Helen found fending a hand at her church, or blessing someone else.

Her life drastically changed when her health began to fail



Picture here (l-r) Monique Greenwood, executive editor Essence Magazine, Dr. Dorian Wilson, Medical Director of The Sharing Network, Newark Mayor Sharpe James and organ donor recipient Helen Robbins

in 1987. At 41, Ms. Robbins was diagnosed with end-stage Renal Disease, also known as kidney failure. This once self-sufficient woman suddenly found herself dependent on other people and technology for her well-being. Although this turn of events shook the foundations of her world, Helen remained steadfast and focused.

Now she does everything she can to help others do the same.

After being diagnosed, Ms. Robbins was on a dialysis machine for six years before she decided to register on the waiting list for a kidney transplant.

Unfortunately, she didn't receive the kidney transplant until about five years later on

April 16, 1998. Ms. Robbins says that waiting five years for an organ is not uncommon, especially for African Americans, due to a shortage of African American organ donors.

Helen stressed that had it not been for the generosity of a total stranger, she would not be alive today. Because of this selfless act, Ms. Robbins is an active volunteer for the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (The Sharing Network).

These facts and her personal experience fuel Ms. Robbins' fire as she tirelessly preaches the gospel of organ donation throughout her many travels. It's her way of giving back.

candlelight vigil will be held on November 6 in Trenton at the State House, starting at 4 p.m.

Rumells Specialized Hospital located in Berkley Heights is home to 98-year-old Florence A. Thomas, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease. However, before relocating there, in spite of her illness, she was cared for at home by her daughter Yvonne Thomas, a resident of Plainfield.

"I first noticed something was wrong with my mom when neighbors would call and say she was out in the blizzard sun with no hat on," said the younger Thomas. "She started to be a little forgetful, and then at times she would just go blank."

Caring for her mother, who retreated from the world of familiar took its toll on Thomas.

The on-duty caregivers are the ones suffering the most because they get the least amount of sleep," said Thomas, who is a licensed practical nurse and certified massage therapist. She now conducts stress management seminars for those who are trying to cope with the stress of pressure.

"When things get really bad, I had a hard time coping emotionally and physically," said Thomas. "I want them to know when their caregivers reach the end of their rope what they can do."

For Thomas in regard to her

mother, she sought out a facility that would provide her mother with a safe and loving environment.

mother, which she found at Runnels. "Now I can get my life back together."

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November is Alzheimers month, do observe it

Union County will observe National Alzheimer's Disease Month during November with a special presentation on November 4, at Rumells Specialized Hospital at 10 a.m., entitled "Alzheimer's Update for 2000" by Helene Madnick, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.

The disease is more common among the aged with approximately 10 percent of those over age 65 affected and as many as 17 percent of those over 85 years of age. According to Rumells, 60 percent of those over 85 years of age have Alzheimer's.

Moreover, Robbins said that she believes something like the upcoming observance of National Donor Sabbath weekend (November 12-14) can help encourage greater organ donation rates among the churches and other minority communities. "Barners are there, but they can be overcome with thoughtful information."

Now that Helen has gone through the difficult process of waiting and healing, she is anxious to share her happiness, and strength with others. She enjoys working with the elderly and encouraging them to remember the faith they were taught. Helen has earned a home health and certification so that she can take care of the elderly in their homes.

Helen says it makes her feel good if she can help others. She just helps one person see the way and sign a donor card. "I'm constantly trying to figure out more ways to get the message out. When I hear people say that it's against their religion, I point out that all major religions endorse organ donation as an act of charity and great love."

Ms. Madnick is an acknowledged expert in the field working to develop and implement programs for diagnosis and treatment of individuals with dementia," explained Freeholder Scaturi. "She is the Clinical Supervisor for University Behavioral Health Center, Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention Program, and a Geriatric Social Worker and clinical supervisor for the COPSA Institute for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Helene works with individuals and families providing clinical and case management services to professionals and lay groups in the community and is an adjunct faculty member at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

We urge friends and family members affected by the disorder as well as other interested members of the community to attend this important presentation. For more information call (908) 771-5735.

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Donell Jones finds "where he wants to be" on sophomore album



Donell Jones
Where I Want To Be
(LaFace Records)

This modern day Renaissance man has displayed through his skills as a singer, producer, songwriter has quietly, yet surely made his way and found his niche in the rising male vocalist genre with his new album, "Where I Want To Be".

This album is a double-thriller that provides a fellow mood listeners can chill to and at the same time can bang in the jeep to while riding down the street. The album is most characterized by the introspective songs about love and relationships, something different from the repeated big baller images of the male artists that are trying to aspire to. Also adding to the album's flavor is the range of music, going from a guitar-string melody on his song "Shorty", in which he sings about a woman he spots who is peeping him and he's peeping back, to "You Know

"What's Up", which provides bass knocking beats behind a melodic chorus about a mutual attraction between him and another woman.

Jones also delves into the depths of gender ballads, like "Where I Want To Be", in which he sings about wanting to break camp from a relationship after discovering his strong urge to explore the bachelor life, and "I Wanna Luv U", in which he sings about a newfound joy in a new attraction.

But he doesn't finish the album without completely entering the hip-hop realm on "U Know What's Up (Remix)" featuring Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes from TLC, and the song "When I Was Down", and track sampled from the hit "Fredie's Dead" by Curtis Mayfield and Overall. Jones' musical selection that expands the musical spectrum, from hip hop and R&B, and does it without losing the style that sets him apart from other artists.

The Miami Sound-off

Miami native and Atlantic Records R&B singer J-Shin could be the start of his town's influence on R&B music and talent from that area

By Robert E. Williams III
Staff Writer

In a time when people think everything has been said and done, few music artists have the opportunity to be trailblazers in their field.

Meet R&B artist J-Shin.

With J-Shin rass his career, two musical sound gardens look to him to make way for them. First, there are his labels, Sipe-N-Slide Records, an imprint of Atlantic Records Sipe-N-Slide, the newer bedding label, looks to him to be what Aiyah is to Blackground Entertainment, another Atlantic Records imprint. But once Willard Smith, vice-president of Atlantic Records urban music marketing, and the man who heard J-Shin, they looked to him to be the first male vocalist void, in which they have no stars on the label to match the success of its female counterparts, Brandy and Aiyah.

Atlantic is pretty short on R&B male artists, and he can help put us back in the track of things. And Smith in an interview with Billboard Magazine, "J-Shin is our Keith Sweat. We're also getting feedback that he sounds vocally like a young R. Kelly or Aaron Hall."

The other hope is that J-Shin will unleash the major R&B talent from the Miami sound, which have already had successful artists in Latin music, hip-hop, and rap.

"Being from Miami, I wanted to be different. I wanted to go in a different direction," said the 22-year-old.



J-Shin

Photo courtesy of Atlantic Records

Miami native J-Shin has been in a rising one. J-Shin started entertaining audiences when he was in sixth grade, singing the famous charity song "We Are The World." Listening to musical influences like gospel singer John P. Kee, Aaron Hall, R. Kelly, 69 Boyz, and Boyz II Men, his interest in creating music grew and he eventually pursued a career at Yuba College in California. He majored in music production engineering and later found a job working for an independent label, and began to sing on the local circuit of nightclubs back in Florida.

His big break came when he was asked by Sipe-N-Slide producer Funk Boogie to write and sing a chorus for a Trick Daddy song. And as they say, the rest is history.

Now J-Shin, who was signed to the label earlier this year, is working on the promotion of his new album, "Soul, My Life," which is scheduled to be released this month, and features artists like LaTocha Scott (formerly of Xscape) and Trick Daddy.

The single, "One Night Stand," is already in radio and video rotation. According to the media, keeping true to J-Shin's different direction, the song is an intriguing look at the consequence that happens after one night stand, something not many artists take a look at these days. Representative of his whole album, he explores various types of relationships and situations that makes J-Shin more than just another R&B crooner.

In Your Ear

By Robert E. Williams III

The gospel of Hip Hop

Hip-hop in this decade has had a tremendous influence on everyone. From the way white boys dress to the way we view relationships in our society, it can be seen everywhere.

The first will be "I'm Every Special Christmas 4: Live From Washington, D.C." album, in which Blue sings a duet with Sheryl Crow on "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree", and collaborates with Jon Bon Jovi, Tracy Chapman, Eric Clapton, and Crow on the song, "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town".

Blue will also be featured on the VH1 Divas Live 99 album, the concert that aired earlier this year in May.

Biggie Smalls will be featured on the track "The Boy Is Mine" (track).

And one place it is showing up is gospel music. The most popular of these changes can be seen in artists like Kirk Franklin and The Winans Family. These artists were produced by such music artists as Rodney Jerkins, who produced Brandy and Monica's "The Boy Is Mine" (track).

With the changes in gospel music, the audience listening is also changing.

It can't be denied that those who are drawn to the likes of Puff Daddy and other hip-hop stars will be attracted to the new wave of gospel as well.

And this is exactly what is happening.

But with this wave, comes a parting between the sea of devoted gospel music fans. The parting is in the conflict between those who are devoted to the traditional style of gospel music, the likes of Mahalia Jackson and Shirley Caesar, and those who are embracing this new style of music. Those who are devoted to traditional music look to that as the true gospel music, and do not welcome the changes in contemporary gospel music. Those who feel it does not fit in line with what is taught in the teaching of Christianity.

Others are happy about the music which appeals to listeners who would not ordinary listen to gospel music. They feel that even if it has the hip-hop edge, it has the main message,

which is first and foremost in God.

Whether the situation may be music devoted to God, regardless what form, can have nothing but a positive effect on our culture.

Music Notes

WNBA Releases album to benefit breast cancer fight

The Women's National Basketball Association released a 14-song compilation album from NBA Entertainment and SFX Alphabet City Sports Records, with proceeds from sales of the CD going to the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO).

The album features songs from Vanessa Williams, Monica, Tatyana Ali, Queen Latifah, and Aretha Franklin.

Lauryne Hill set to star in romance flick

Lauryne Hill is pondering whether she will produce an upcoming movie she has agreed to star in.

Hill will play the female romantic lead in a movie about a movie about a man and woman who are members of rival families who own barbecue companies and become involved with each other while learning their trade.

The movie will be produced by New Line Cinema, and Hill's company, Black Marley Films, with shooting expected to begin early next year.

Hill will also be featured on a holiday Christmas album produced and starring Rosie O'Donnell.

O'Donnell, who gained a record deal after singing on the "Tarzan", is set to release her album, "A Rosie Christmas", which will be made of mainly duets.

Hill will also be "Little Drummer Boy", and other artists joining O'Donnell and her are 98 Degrees, Natalie Cole, Diana Ross, Celine Dion, Cher, Elton John, Seeme Street's Elmo, and N Sync to a few.

Revenue from the album will go to the "For All Kids Foundation," O'Donnell's charity which awards grants to non-profit organizations that support children with child care, medical, educa-



Whitney Houston

tional, and housing programs.

The album is due in stores Nov. 2.

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T-Boz set to work on cartoon project, new poetry book

Tionna "T-Boz" Watkins of TLC is getting ready for the release of her book of poems, Thoughts, which will be on bookshelves on November 3.

Watkins is also in development on a cartoon project she first started thinking about five years ago. The cartoon, which she plans to call "I'm A Fly World", is in plans with animators Tracy and The Jim Henson Company, and is being shopped to various networks.

Celebration of black New Yorkers' history opens at Schomburg Center

A major exhibition on "Black New Yorkers/ Black New York: 400 Years of African-American History" opens on October 22 at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. A survey of the African presence in and its impact on New York City since its founding in 1625, this chronicles the historical and cultural development of the 2.3 million people of African descent who currently reside in the city — the largest black urban population in the nation.

The show will remain on view at the Schomburg Center, a New York Public Library division located at 515 Malcolm X Blvd. in Harlem, through March 2000. There is no admission charge. A 460-page hardcover book (\$40) based on the exhibit is available at the store at the Schomburg Center.

"Black New Yorkers/Black New York" is part of a 2-year, citywide project organized by the Schomburg Center. Conceived as a part of the centennial celebration commemorating the merger of the five boroughs into Greater New York in 1898, the exhibit is also an attempt to focus public attention on the role of black New Yorkers in the making of New York.

New York City has been home to African Americans for four centuries. They were among the founding fathers and mothers of this nation, and their descendants have played a major role in the teeming daily drama of the city. Their music, art, culture, political and social contributions, their work in business and government and educational and community organizations are deeply intertwined with the dynamic multicultural fabric of life in America's greatest metropolis.

"Black New Yorkers/Black New York" is the center's New York City Centennial tribute to people of African descent — diverse ethnic, religious, cultural, economic and political backgrounds — who have helped make New York America's greatest city," said Schomburg Center Director Howard Dodson. "The documents used to tell this story reveal the extraordinary ways in which black New Yorkers have been actively involved in all spheres of human endeavor in New York and around the world."

More than 400 items — photographs, art works, documents and artifacts drawn mostly from the Schomburg's own collections — recreate the unique relationship between a people and a city. This is chronicled, the worldwide African-American struggle for freedom and dignity.

The exhibition provides details about some diverse topics:

• Business and labor — From the first fur traders and enslaved workers who built houses, roads and bridges, to the rise of small businesses and the real estate boom in Harlem, to the ascent of entrepreneurs and corporate titans such as Ed Lewis, David Granci and Kenneth I. Chinnault.

• Politics — From the laws that whittled away black freedoms in colonial times to the Civil Rights victories of the present era, from Harriet Tubman, St. Sojourner Truth to Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X.

• Religion and society — From Mother AME Zion Church and the Pioneer African Free School to T. Thomas Fortune's groundbreaking newspaper, "New York Freeman," from iron and carbon filament inventor Lewis Latimer to the Bermuda Benevolent Society.

• The arts — From 19th Century Shakespearean actor Ira Aldridge and celebrated soprano Sissieretta Jones, to Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston of the Harlem Renaissance, as well as Paul Robeson, Lena Horne, Alvin Ailey, Spike Lee, and others.

• Sports — From jockey Isaac Murphy, cycling champ Marshall "Major" Taylor, and baseball legend John Henry "Pops" Lloyd — perhaps the greatest player — to Althea Gibson, Jackie Robinson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Resonating with tales of trial, courage and triumph, vibrant with portraits of both famous and humble history-makers, this is a sweeping, powerful record of the richly diverse heritage of African Americans in the capital of Black America.



Left: Easter Sunday in Harlem, ca. 1941.



Guadeloupean women at Ellis Island, 1911.



A woman doctor making house calls, 138th Street and 7th Avenue, 1939.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hicks, ca. 1900.



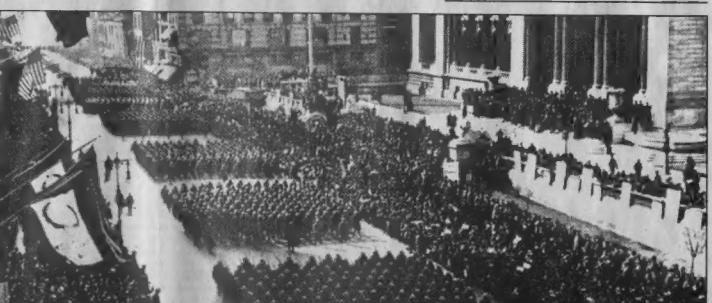
Brooklyn School desegregation demonstrations, ca. 1959.



Above: The Wall Street slave market opened on the East River pier in 1771. Portrait by an unknown 18th century artist.



Machito and Graciela at the Savoy Ballroom.



Left: The Harlem Hellfighters march up Fifth Avenue at the end of World War I. Members of the 369th Regiment march home after serving 191 days in combat, longer than any other unit in the armed forces. February 19, 1919.

All photos courtesy of The Schomburg Center, New York.

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Trailblazers will be the team to beat this year

With the start of a new NBA season just underway, it looks like there is once again no clear favorite for the NBA title. Sure the Spurs are back again and feature Tim Duncan who is the league's best player. But don't discount the less of Sean Elliot, who is a kidney transplant this past summer.

Last year, Elliot came up big for the Spurs for most of the playoffs and surely his leadership and versatility will be missed. On the other hand, the Portland Trailblazers and two of the best veterans in the NBA by signing Scottie Pippen and trading for Steve Smith. The Blazers have a stockpile of talent which is the envy of the NBA. Unlike the Lakers, they are experienced, compliment each other well, and now have a player with championship experience in Pippen. That's why the are the pick to win it all in June.

As for the Knicks, there chances to win a title will hinge on what Alvin Gentry can do. Can play the season like he finished last year. Houston can do it, all defend, strike it, and penetrate. Hopefully, he will understand this and step up and carry the Knicks on a consistent basis.

Spreeve! What can you say. The guy is one of the most exciting players in the league. But he can also be one of the wildest and unpredictable. I call him the man because he's walking contradiction, embodiment of opposite extremes. He's a guy you either love or hate. He's either on fire or off. He's incredibly thoughtful and articulate and intelligent, but hasn't fully grasped the reality of the real game. In short, he's the ultimate wild card to whom the Knicks fortunes are inextricably tethered.

Now the Nets. Hopefully, they can overcome the injury bug which has decimated the team over the past few years. Are they a playoff team? Perhaps. But I'm not convinced that these guys really know how to play together, yet. Time will tell. The story when the season is over. Don Casey is the long term answer to the team's chemistry woes. If Jayson Williams is ready by January in reasonably good form, expect the Nets to snare a 7th or 8th seed and hover around .500 most of the year.

Here are a few other NBA predictions:

First Team ALL-NEA

Allen Iverson, Philadelphia 76ers

Tim Duncan, San Antonio Spurs

Kevin Garnett, Minnesota Timberwolves

Jason Kidd, Phoenix Suns

Grant Hill, Detroit Pistons

Rookie of the Year

Lamar Odom, LA Clippers

Surprise Rookie of the Year

Wally Szczerba, Minnesota Timberwolves

Most Improved Players

Tracey McGrady, Toronto Raptors

Antawn Jamison, Golden State Warriors

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Nets and 'Newark Do Something' spruce up community playground

By Jean H. Pierre

NEWARK — To several basketball fans and pundits who the New Jersey Nets are without a doubt the team of the future. When it comes to community involvement and interaction that are at the heart of their game. And it is shown last week when members of the team joined the youth of "Newark's Do Something" from Arts High School to clean up Jesse Allan Park.

The event brought together the students of Newark, from Jersey Cares and likes of Jason Williams, Keith Van Horn and Stephon Marbury to interact and get dirty in preserving the look and condition of the park.

"We want to keep the community in keeping the parks in the Newark area better," said Kristi Izzo, Executive Director of Jersey Cares, which promotes the ethic of community service among citizens and positive character development.

The players and volunteers painted over graffiti and removed debris off the court to ensure its playing shape. Nets President Michael Rose feels its

not all about basketball.

"This is a visible example what we do as a team. We don't just play basketball, collect salaries, sell tickets," said Rose. "We work in the parks, schools, city hall and construction areas because we want to fix up life in the area and make it a better for people to live. This is an example of staying straight and respecting what's around you."

The project is part of NBA TeamUp Week, a league wide celebration of community service.

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"It's nice to see somebody care about the park and the look of it," said Jones, who lives a block away from the facility. "One day I hope young people like me take the same steps in keeping it that way."

The 1999-2000 New Jersey Nets Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov 2	AT Vancouver	7:30
3	AT Atlanta	7:30
5	AT Cleveland	7:30
7	Washington	7:30
10	Phoenix	7:30
12	AT Charlotte	7:30
15	Seattle	7:30
17	AT Detroit	7:30
19	AT Boston	7:30
20	Philadelphia	7:30
23	AT Sacramento	7:30
24	AT Golden St.	7:30
26	LA Lakers	7:30
27	AT Phoenix	7:30
30	Washington	7:30
Dec. 1	San Antonio	7:30
4	New York	7:30
6	Sacramento	7:30
8	Milwaukee	7:30
11	AT Chicago	7:30
15	Cleveland	7:30
16	AT Washington	7:30
18	AT Cleveland	7:30
19	Atlanta	7:30
21	AT Toronto	7:30
23	Philadelphia	7:30
25	Chicago	7:30
28	New York	7:30
30	Orlando	7:30
Jan. 4	AT Indiana	7:30
5	Vancouver	7:30
8	Miami	7:30
10	Orlando	7:30
13	LA Clippers	7:30
15	Boston	7:30
17	AT Philly	7:30
19	AT New York	7:30
20	Detroit	7:30
22	Dallas	7:30
24	AT Portland	7:30
26	AT Atlanta	7:30

For ticket information contact the Nets at (201) 935-9888

Marty Mar's Sports Drum: One Brother's NBA Pre-Season Awards

By Martin C. Summers

For two long decades, the NBA was ruled by a galaxy of stars. Only the likes of the second best, mostly puffed up on cigar and sipping on champagne. The last anointed one has (MJ) finally left the room. Yet, the game continues to rise. This is the Post-Lockout era. A time and a place where a team that goes 10-15 a year down and loses an underground civilization. An unrelentingly chaotic environment where almost any faction can grasp control. A league where championship rings are up for grabs.

Set in the future but the past keeps creeping up from behind. Although the game can be witnessed nightly, the esoteric appeal of uncertainty has distanced the new "jocks/johnny-comes-lates" the ones who didn't make the game pre-prime time and a place where the hard-core watched the revolution in the mid-night hour on tape delay.

Back to the Roots. No politicing. Not racing for ball players from New York City or Atlanta.

All Quintessence — In ancient and medieval philosophy, the fifth sense, or ultimate substance, of which the heavenly bodies were thought to be composed; distinguished from the four elements (air, fire, water, and earth). The most perfect manifestation of a quality or thing.

Or Gay Payton-GP, are ... you know the rest. What happened with Washington Wizards' Wes. When Webber Was Waived. Actu-

ally traded, but say it fast five times anyway. Wes Unseld, so highly spoken of late, led the WH who spun for 20 ppg and led league in boards with 18.0 per game.

G. Shaquille O'Neal - Determined to wrap up home court advantage in first round playoff series rather than score 40 in season finale to win scoring title, showed that he might be ready to play in the NBA again. The title.

G. Jason Kidd - Messed around all year and led the league in triple double.

G. Eddie Jones - Was it a coincidence that the Lakers defense got religious (holly) after ED was traded. Second in league in steals at 2.5 per game. Only man alive that I've

seen stay with Iverson off the dribble.

*Mentions

G. Tariq Abdul-Wahad - Alpha-beta, the first name in NBA drenum. The first name means "among" star can check any two guard straight up, even Kobe, which means steady.

C. Alonzo Mourning - See above.

F. George Lynch - Another Sixers you say, and lead Eric Showers with consideration as well. But I chose the Lynch Pin over a Blanket of Snow.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

The Out Do Box Award - In most cases, rebounder of the year who the jump is acknowledged as legit, come cut blazin' distinguished from coming in like.

Vince Carter — To borrow a term usually reserved for goal tenders but the first player that turned heads in a hockey stick. Vince Carter played on his head. Turned in the dink of the year when he elevated over Dikembe Mutombo...suspended his body after style. Turned in the finger wagging pick full of nuts. Led all rookies with an 18.2 ppg scoring average and pushed the Raptors away from extinction.

*Giggys

Paul Pierce — Came out hot

until injuries slowed him down.

Second in scoring among,

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